

# *Homegoing Celebration*



## *COMMEMORATIVE RITES*

*For*

## **SUPERINTENDENT JAMES E. BRIGGS**

*Sunrise*

August 22, 1912

*Sunset*

September 12, 1998

### *Funeral Service*

Tuesday, September 22, 1998 - 11:00 A.M.

### *Emanuel Church of God in Christ*

1649 Hayes Street  
San Francisco, California

*Officiating*

**Bishop Chandler David Owens**

*The Right Reverend Bishop of The  
Churches of God in Christ*



# The Obituary

**ELDER JAMES ELEMBRIE BRIGGS** was born August 22, 1912 to Mr. Peter Briggs and Mrs. Lula Bailey-Briggs of Atkins, Arkansas. He was the ninth of their nine children. He attended and completed elementary and high school in Arkansas. He attended Simpson Bible College, which was on Silver Avenue in the late 70's into the 1980's in San Francisco, California.

He served in the United States Army as Army Specialty: Truck Driver in early 1941, Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1942 as Auto Mechanic in Fort Lewis, Washington. He met and married Mrs. Hortense Lee McKitric on August 18, 1941. There was no biological children to this union. But three by way of foster children care, Ms. Denia Briggs, Mr. Eric Briggs and Ms. Vachel Briggs Maurvo. Reverend and Sister Briggs operated and maintained a small family Boarding Home for children. Elder Briggs worked for the City and County of San Francisco as a driver for the Municipal Railway. He also worked as public worker on night shift. After he opened his First Church Rehoboth Mission C.O.G.I.C. located two buildings from the corner of Haight and Masonic Avenue. He worked untirely in this church which he loved. He had served in numerous positions in the church before pastoring and he was ordained under the late Bishop E.E. Hamilton. In later years he was appointed Pastor of Emanuel C.O.G.I.C. at 1649 Hayes Street by the late Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. and installed by the late Bishop S.R. Martin in 1973.

He received numerous awards and recognition awards from civil leaders, trade unions and religious leaders. To name a few, for they are too many to list. Local #261 as a Delegate to the Northern District Council in August 1974. An award for the 75th Anniversary of the Church of God in Christ by Bishop J.O. Patterson, Sr. As a "Special Emissary" on August 1, 1982. Special Achievement Award for Outstanding Achievement in Religion, Education and Civil Affairs in the Community, State and National on October 2, 1980 by the Dickerson Brothers Christian Allegiance of America, Inc. He was a member of Saint Center Share Holders Club. He received a Certificate of Recognition for support and prayers to the Foreign and Mission by Bishop Archie Buchanan, Japan Jurisdiction. Elder J.E. Briggs was appointed District Superintendent in 1974 to the Melchisedec District with Missionary Alfon Webb as District Missionary. He served also with Missionary Lula Humphrey and with Missionary Robbie Hines and Missionary Florence Webb.

He married Missionary Hazel Lousie Howard on October 9, 1989. Elder Briggs started The Emanuel Achievement Program for the children and members and for the community.

His health began to fail him in 1992, but he continued to work. He was admitted into Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco on September 5, 1998. He departed this life on Saturday, September 12, 1998 at Kaiser.

He leaves in memories, his devoted wife: Missionary Hazel Briggs; four foster children: Ms. Karen Briggs of Nashville, Tennessee, Ms. Denia Briggs of Richmond, California, Mr. Eric Briggs of San Francisco, California and Ms. Vachel Briggs Maurvo of San Francisco, California; one step-daughter: Mrs. Veronica Augustine; one step-son-in-law: Mr. Carl Augustine; nephews: Deacon Frank Anderson, Sr. of Morrilton, Arkansas, Elder Earl Anderson, Sr. of San Francisco, California, Mr. James Briggs of Sacramento, California; great nephew: Supt. Frank Anderson, Jr., First Administration Assistant of Arkansas Jurisdiction of Russelville, Arkansas; two nieces by prior marriage: Ms. Bessie Wilson of Pittsburg, California, Ms. Karen Briggs of Nashville, Tennessee; great nieces: Mrs. Marian Greenfield of San Francisco, California and Mrs. Marleen King of San Francisco Caifornia; nine grandchildren; a host of great-grand nieces and nephews and many friends and those that called him "Dad".

Dr. E.J. O'Neal ..... Master of Ceremonies

# The Order Of Service

## MUSICAL PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

Presiding Bishop	Jurisdictional Bishop
Administrative Assistants	Executive Board
Superintendents	Pastors
Elders	Ministers
Pallbearers	Family

A PRAYER ..... Supt. James Rice

## THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament	Supt. L.A. Larkins
The New Testament	Supt. J.A. Jennings

A SOLO ..... Missionary Ruth Langston

## SPECIAL REMARKS - 1st District Pastors

Elder Charles Webb	"As I Know Him"
Elder Anderson Hines, Sr.	Elder George Dorns
	Missionary L. Humphrey-Davidson

A SOLO ..... "Beautiful Garden Of Prayer"  
Bro. Darryl Durham

## EXPRESSIONS (Three Minutes Each - Please)

SUPERINTENDENT REPRESENTATION .....	Supt. Jessie Grant
PASTOR REPRESENTATION .....	Elder Alvin Swindell
ELDER REPRESENTATION .....	Elder Alexander Houston

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT .....	Mother Mary Welch
Mother Louise Perrodia .....	Supervisor of California N.W.

RESOLUTIONS ..... Missionary Dorothy Herron

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ..... Missionary Joyce Sneed

## THE OBITUARY (Read Silently)

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... Bishop W.W. Hamilton  
California N.W. Jurisdiction, Presiding Bishop

A SOLO ..... Elder Claudell Heuy

THE EULOGY ..... The Right Reverend Bishop Chandler David Owens  
Presiding Bishop Of The Churches of God in Christ

## CLOSING PRAYER

## THE PARTING VIEW

THE RECESSIONAL ..... Musical Postlude



## *Appreciation*

The family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought, deed, attentiveness and attendance. May the promises of the scriptures be our peace for tomorrow and our comfort always.

## *The Active Pallbearers*

James Briggs  
Tyrone Moore  
Tyrone Anderson

Carl Augustine  
Harold Briggs  
Larry Anderson

## *The Interment*

OLIVET MEMORIAL PARK  
Colma, California



Funeral Arrangements Entrusted To:

### ***The Bryant Mortuary***

635 Fulton Street  
San Francisco, California 94102  
415/ 861 - 4559



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The Nominating Committee  
September 22, 1998